GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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SETTING UP OF LANGUAGE INSTITUTE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a language Institute keeping in view the diversity of languages in different States;

(b) If so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the details of the action plan of the Union Government for the development of regional dialects;

(d) whether any efforts are being made to enlist Chhattisgarhi in the list of languages of Sahitya Akademi as was done in the case of Rajasthani or Maithali; and

(e) if so, the time by which the said language likely to be included in the list of languages of Sahitya Akademi ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a)(b)&(c): The Government of India is committed towards the promotion and development of Indian languages. For this purpose it has already set up several institutions under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, such as the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL)Mysore, National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan , Central Hindi Directorate and the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology . These institutions are engaged in research and material production. They also provide consultancy services to various State Governments for the development of Indian Languages including tribal languages. The Regional Language Centres of CIIL also impart training to in-service teachers in languages other than their mother tongue. The CIILhas published several research papers , books and journals on various regional and tribal languages . It has in its national tape archive language data from 118 languages.

(d) &(e) Sahitya Akademi, has informed that, so far it has not recognized Chhattisgarhi and no such proposal is under consideration at present.